

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A transcriptional fusion comprising a *Streptococcus pyogenes* DNase B DNA sequence selected from the group consisting of: (1) *Streptococcus pyogenes* DNase B as shown in Fig. 4 (SEQ ID NO: 9); and (2) a *Streptococcus pyogenes* DNase B variant comprising the amino acid sequence shown in Fig. 4 (SEQ ID NO: 9) and having a deletion, insertion or substitution of one or more amino acids shown in Fig. 4 (SEQ ID NO: 9), wherein the variant is capable of being recognized and bound by anti- *Streptococcus pyogenes* DNase B antibody, and wherein the *Streptococcus pyogenes* DNase B of (1) or (2) is fused with another gene[[,]] and having has a detectable property altered from the property of the sequence *Streptococcus pyogenes* DNase B sequences of claim 1.